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FM AMEMBASSY ROME

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 9773

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FOR OBIT/STATE, OPR/ESC

E.O. 11652 N/A

TAGS: CDES (BLUME BARBARA J.)

SUBJ: DEATH OF EMPLOYEE BARBARA J. BLIME

REF: ROME 14141

1. PLEASE INFORM MRS. S.E. WEIMBERG THAT LOCAL JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES ORDERED AN AUTOPSY, THE RESULTS OF WHICH WILL BE KNOWN WITHIN A MAXIMUM PERIOD OF 2 MONTHS. THE INSTITUTE OF FORENSIC MEDICINE ISSUED A CERTIFICATE INDICATING THAT BARBARA J. BLUME DIED ON AUGUST 30 FROM CARDIO-CIRCULATORY DEFICIENCY, THE CAUSE OF WHICH IS TO BE DETERMINED.

2. REMAINS WILL BE SHIPPED TO PALO ALTO, CALIF. SEPT 4 BY TWA 891 ARRIVING WASHDC 3:40 P.M. AND BY TWA 63 ARRIVING S.F. SAME DAY AT 9:35 P.M.

3. AMONG PERSONAL PAPERS EMBASSY FOUND A COPY OF HANDWRITTEN LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 12, 1975 SIGNED ONLY BY THE DECEASED BY WHICH SHE BEQUEATHED HER PERSONAL ESTATE TO VLANTA WEIMBERG, 153 TUSCALOSA AVENUE, ATHERTON, CALIF. AND APPOINTED SAME TO BE TRUSTEE AND EXECUTRIX OF BALANCE OF HER ESTATE.

4. EMBASSY HAS ALREADY TAKEN CUSTODY OF DECEASED'S PERSONAL PAPERS, CONVERTIBLE ASSETS, PERISHABLE PROPERTY, JEWELRY AND OTHER VALUABLES CONSISTING OF ABOUT 114 PIECES OF SILVERWARE. BECAUSE OF THE INTRINSIC VALUE OF THE JEWELRY AND SILVERWARE
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APPRAISAL SHOULD BE MADE BY A PROFESSIONAL APPRAISER AT THE

EXPENSE OF THE ESTATE AND THE EMBASSY HAS ADEQUATE ASSETS TO DO SO. BUT CONSIDERING THAT APPRAISAL SERVES THE PURPOSE OF ASSESSING CONSULAR FEES WHICH ARE NOT APPLICABLE IN THIS ESTATE, RESPONSIBLE CONSULAR OFFICER WISHES TO AVAIL HIMSELF OF HIS DISCRETIONARY CAPACITY IN DETERMINING WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF TWO OTHER EMPLOYEES THE VALUE OF JEWELRY AND SILVERWARE ON THE BASIS OF GOLD AND SILVER MARKET VALUE PER POUND IN ORDER TO SAVE UNNECESSARY EXPENSES.

5. THE DEPARTMENT'S OPINION WILL BE APPRECIATED.BEAUDRY

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